PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMPETITION POLICY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Prior notification of a concentration

Case M.10164 – CVC/Stark Group

Candidate case for simplified procedure

(Text with EEA relevance)

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1. On 23 March 2021, the Commission received notification of a proposed concentration pursuant to Article 4 of Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([1]).

This notification concerns the following undertakings:

— CVC Capital Partners SICAV-FIS S.A. ('CVC', Luxembourg)

— STARK Group A/S ('Stark', Denmark)

CVC acquires within the meaning of Article 3(1)(b) of the Merger Regulation sole control of Stark.

The concentration is accomplished by way of purchase of shares.

2. The business activities of the undertakings concerned are:

— for CVC: CVC and its subsidiaries manage investment funds and platforms. In particular, CVC owns Ahlsell AB, which is active in the retail and distribution of installation products for heating, ventilation and air-conditioning, electricals, tools and supplies, as well as building materials.

— for Stark: retail sale and distribution of building materials in Denmark, Finland, Germany, Norway and Sweden.

3. On preliminary examination, the Commission finds that the notified transaction could fall within the scope of the Merger Regulation. However, the final decision on this point is reserved.

Pursuant to the Commission Notice on a simplified procedure for treatment of certain concentrations under the Council Regulation (EC) No 139/2004 ([2]) it should be noted that this case is a candidate for treatment under the procedure set out in the Notice.

4. The Commission invites interested third parties to submit their possible observations on the proposed operation to the Commission.

Observations must reach the Commission not later than 10 days following the date of this publication. The following reference should always be specified:

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([1]) OJ L 24, 29.1.2004, p. 1 (the 'Merger Regulation').
([2]) OJ C 366, 14.12.2013, p. 5.

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